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COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Spielman. All members were present; as well as Kimberly Fulk, town clerk.

The minutes and the treasurer's report were both approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meredith Poffenberger, Leader of Girl Scout Troop #40156 approached the council with a proposal for her troop to clean up the Big Spring, white wash the spring area and possibly plant flowers to beautify the area. The troop would also like to assist homeowners with restoring historic outbuildings around the town. The council approved this request.

Steve Kemmet of Captain Bender's Tavern was present to ask permission to place one table with seating out in the front of his business. This request was granted, with the exception that no alcohol will be served out front and the table will need to be removed no later than November

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1st.

Katie Poffenberger, property owner on South Mechanic Street stated her concerns with the two trees in front of her property. The roots are growing into her basement and near her septic system. Kimberly will contact John Leaf of the Maryland Forestry Department so that this can be evaluated and the proper action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station—Bryan and Brandon will place the new aerator in the pond when the weather is fit.

Building—Brandon will check on paint to have the town shed painted and Bryan will check with the inmates to see if they are able to paint it for us.

Streets—Half of the alley behind Main and Antietam Streets is in need of paving, it is full of ruts and pot holes. The alley behind Chapline Street has also been requested to be paved. This will be put on the list for the next fiscal year. The curbs at the intersections are in need of being painted red 35 feet from the intersection. Brandon will get the red paint and this will be taken care of by council members.

Planning and Zoning—Kimberly is typing the final chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Battlefield Advisory Commit-

tee—this meeting is being held on April 4th. Mr. Perry Jamieson will get the notes to Kimberly to include in the crier.

Public Safety—We will have Sheriff Mullendore and/or Deputy Cain at the next meeting if their schedule allows.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mowing Contract—Hoff and Hoff Lawn Care was awarded the mowing contract for the town. They will begin work within the next two weeks.
2. Landscaping— Still awaiting estimates on this project.
3. Water on High Street—Mayor Spielman talked to the county in regards to this problem. This may include re-positioning the water pipe at the water tower to eliminate extra run off.
4. Bike Racks— it was suggested to ask local businesses if they would like to sponsor a bike rack, or help purchase in some way. Jennifer has agreed to lead this project.
5. Spring Bulk Trash Pick-Up— this will be held on Wednesday, April 25th. Bulk items are to be set out beside regular trash items. Kimberly will place signs at local businesses and place in the crier.
6. Spring Brush Pick-Up—This will be completed by Bartlett Tree Service. Kimberly will discuss possible dates in late April, early May with them and will post and place in the crier

when this has been established.

7. Fishing Rodeo—This will be held at the town pond on Saturday, May 5th from 7am-11am for children ages 15 and under. Bryan has agreed to be in charge of this event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The County Commissioners will be at town hall for a “town meeting” on Tuesday, April 24th at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.
2. The Wayside marker for the Canal Town Project will be placed at Snyder’s Landing on May 1st at 11:30am.

The meeting was adjourned into closed session by Darryl and seconded by Jennifer to discuss personnel positions at 8:20pm.

The meeting was returned to open session at 8:27pm and adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 7th at 7pm.

TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recycling Bin to be Removed

As of June 1, 2012, the county will be removing the community recycling bin located in the parking area of the town EMS/Fire facilities. The community bin WILL NOT be replaced.

Residents that wish to have home curb side recycling pick up, may do so at their own expense by contacting Apple Valley Waste at 1-877-267-1280. The current cost is \$4.00 per month and includes a 35 gallon recycling container and weekly recycling pick up (currently on Thursdays.)

For further information about the recycling service, contact Apple Valley Waste, or visit their website at www.applevalleywaste.com and click on the page for Washington County Residents.

BULK TRASH PICK-UP



The town will be having a bulk trash pick-up for in-town residents on Wednesday, April 25th. Bulk items are to be set out on Tuesday evening beside your regular trash items. Unacceptable items are as follows:

- Paint—unless it is completely dried out
- Soil, rocks, sod, tree trunks, limbs, or stumps resulting from tree removal
- Parts of motor vehicles
- Poisons, acids, caustics, gasoline, oil and other flammable substances, explosives, ammunition, or other hazardous or dangerous materials
- Bricks, blocks, concrete in any form
- Any commercial waste (for example, if someone is remodeling their home, any of the remodeling debris would not be accepted)

BRUSH PICK-UP

The town will be collecting brush from the properties of in-town residents on Thursday, May 3rd. Residents are to place brush along the alleys prior to May 3rd. Properties that do not have an alley are encouraged to place the brush at the curb where you would normally place your trash for pick up. We are hoping to have this task completed in one day, however; it may take two days. If your brush has not been picked up by Saturday, May 5th, please call the Mayor at 301-432-6854

ANNUAL FISHING RODEO



The annual town fishing rodeo will take place at the town pond on Saturday, May 5th from 7am-11am. Children ages 15 and younger are welcome to participate.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation, donating prizes, or volunteering your time that day, contact Bryan Gabriel at 301-432-2478.

Bring your fishing rod and bait and get ready for a fun morning!

Save the Date!!

The 145th annual Memorial Day Commemoration activities are set for Saturday, May 26th. The festivities begin at 11am with a wreath laying ceremony in the town square. The parade kicks off at 1:30 from the Sharpsburg Elementary School and travels down Main Street to the Antietam National Cemetery. The Park Service will have a ceremony in the Antietam National Cemetery at 3:00pm. Come help us honor our service

men and women at one of the oldest celebrations in the country.

Parade Books, Sponsorships and Memorials



Each year, the Town of Sharpsburg produces and sells a commemorative parade book. These books are funded through individual sponsorships and memorials that citizens place in the book. Parade Books are sold for \$2.00 each and orders may be placed at the town office, or by calling Cathy Hull at 304-279-8440. Sponsorships and memorials are \$2.00 each, and include your name in the parade book or a line in memory of a loved one with your name. Sponsorships and Memorials are not to exceed three lines. Book orders and sponsorships/memorials are due NO LATER THAN APRIL 30TH. Please call the town clerk or Cathy Hull with questions.

Community News and Events

*Sharpsburg Historical Society presents
"Shopping in Sharpsburg"*

The Sharpsburg Historical Society will present "Shopping in Sharpsburg" at their April 16th meeting. A panel of local residents who worked in the six general stores will talk about the old days before super markets. All are invited to come to share memories and help preserve the histories of the stores that carried almost everything needed for home and garden. The little stores are gone, but the buildings around town still show evidence of their existence. The meeting will be in Town Hall starting at 7:00pm. Please call 301-992-9767 for information. The meeting is free and open to all.

Rohrersville Cornet Band Celebrates a Birthday

The Rohrersville Cornet Band of Washington County will celebrate its 175th birthday at its Spring Concert. The concert will be in the band's 1916 rehearsal/concert hall on Main Street in Rohrersville, Maryland. The April 22nd concert will begin at 3:00pm.

The Sunday afternoon program features music from the band's extensive library and highlights eras from the mid-19th century to the present. The concert is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served. For information, please call 301-992-9767.

Mother's Day Flower and Bake Sale



The ladies of Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their annual Mother's Day Flower Sale and Bake Sale, including their famous chicken salad sandwiches, in the square of Sharpsburg on Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th from 9am-?

Come support this very worthy organization as they raise funds to be put back into the community.

Sharpsburg Legion Auxiliary to collect worn flags

Spring has arrived and yard cleaning has begun, making an ideal time to replace tattered, torn and worn American Flags.

The American Legion Auxiliary, Antietam Unit 236, will be placing a collection barrel in front of the Sharpsburg Town Hall from April 20-May 21st, where residents may place their worn American flags for proper disposal by unit members.

Antietam Unit 236 reminds all Americans that everyday is a good day to display an American flag in good condition, but it is especially important to display them for the upcoming patriotic holidays of Armed Forces Day (May 19th), Memorial Day (May 30th, observed May 28th), Flag Day (June 14th), Independence Day (July 4th), Labor Day (September 3rd), Patriot Day (September 11th) and POW/MIA Recognition Day (September 17th.)

- Ava Gift

Battlefield Advisory Committee



- * The Newcomer House is now open on weekends
- * Staff worked with the natural resource division and 14 volunteers from Kaneland High School in Illinois to clear some vegetation from the Sherrick Farm.
- * Staff continue with installation of lath on the Miller House for the stucco application.
- * Preparing for 2 weeks of project work in April working with volunteers from the Connecticut Civil War Round Table and Road Scholar organizations.
- * Staff continue planning and coordination of Connecticut Day, which will be held on April 21st.

Throughout the month of March, the Maintenance division worked on many different projects, some of which is in preparation for the upcoming 150th anniversary. These include:

- * Backfilling along the edges of paved trails. After the FHWA completed the repaving of the walkways around the Visitor Center, there was noticeable lip on each side of the paved trail, which created a tripping hazard for park visitors and employees. Maintenance backfilled and seeded those areas around the pavement to provide a gentle slope to minimize the tipping/falling hazard.
- * Repairing the Dunker Church doors and windows. The windows and doors were inspected for any compromised wood and are being repaired as needed. The windows have been re-glazed. Each window and door will be repainted to protect the wood from the elements.
- * Repairing and painting the three park entrance signs.
- * Investigating and correcting the moisture problems in the second floor of the historic Pry house. The plaster walls were spalling under each of the five windows on the front section of the second floor. Maintenance has re-caulked and repainted each window in hopes of stopping the moisture from further damaging the interior walls.
- * Remodeling the interior of the Fulk House seasonal quarters.

- * Received estimates for painting the visitor center and the Mumma House. This work will be done through contract.

Natural Resources staff continue to work on various vegetation and trail projects around the battlefield in preparation for the 150th. Projects include cedar removal, invasive species treatments, riparian plantings and trail maintenance. Spring white-tailed deer management planning and EIS process continues as individual chapters of the EIS are being drafted. Also, the purple Emerald Ash Borer traps have been placed around the battlefield in cooperation with the USDA to monitor for the destructive ash tree insect pest.

The Civil War Trust's Park Day was held on Saturday, March 31. There were 104 volunteers from 27 different towns, 6 states and three high school exchange students (two from Pakistan and one from Turkmenistan) who contributed 324 volunteer hours.

The Save Historic Antietam Foundation held its spring work day on Saturday, March 17. SHAF continued working on the new connector trail between the Final Attack Trail and the Hawkins' Zouave Trail.

Planning for the 150th continues internally focused on interpretive programming. An Incident Management Team is being formed to continue event planning and operations. We are working with several partners including the Sharpsburg Heritage Festival, Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Pry House Field Hospital and the Boy Scouts on planning and logistical coordination.

The Rohrbach Group Campground re-opened on March 3 and hosted 450 campers from 6 states in March.

Thanks to Perry Jamieson for sharing the report with the Crier.

Town Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm (Additional hours by appointment)	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
COUNCIL	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
TOWN OFFICIALS	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	301-302-7347
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector	432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.	432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board	432-6572

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
CHURCHES		
Brethren	Lilly Grayson	432-6174
Bible	Rev. Gene Renner	739-1882
Episcopal	Carolyn Shaw	791-3357
Lutheran	Rev. Karen Valentine	304-676-9974
UCC	Melissa Reiff	465-9411

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